(ii) Checking of density of each compartment of the tank truck.

(iii) Taking samples to each compartment from bottom manifold to check presence of water/sludge.

(iv) Checking of presence of water in underground storage tanks at RO on daily basis and maintaining record. Water from the underground tanks to be pumped out at regular intervals.

(v) Keeping the suction pipe of dispensing unit at least 15Cms above the bottom of the underground tank to prevent accidental entry of water/sludge in the dispensing unit.

(vi) Giving sufficient settling time to the product after unloading the tank truck and before commencing the sale.

(c) to (e) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited has one company owned company operated Retail Outlet at Chandigarh. Evaporation/ handling losses of Motor Spirit in this RO is higher on account of operational reasons.

LPG Dealership in the Autonomous hill council area of Assam

1642. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new LPG dealership opened in the State of Assam particularly in the Autonomous Hill Council area of Assam during the last three years;

(b) the details of LPG dealership which are to be established in Assam including hill/tribal areas during the year 1999-2000;

(c) the details of budgetary provisions made by Government for the said purpose during the Ninth Plan; and

(d) the effective measures being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) 11 LPG distributorships have been commissioned in Assam during the last three years, *i.e.* 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99. No new LPG distributorship was commissioned in Autonomous Hill Council area of Assam during the above period.